

MARINE INFORMATION

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The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) is in the midst of a hard copy to digital transition program. NGA has statutory requirements to produce and make available safety of navigation data and will continue to meet this obligation to the mariner. The weekly Notice to Mariners is available free of charge to all customers through the Internet on our website. Beginning with Notice to Mariners No. 1, 2005 NGA will no longer print and distribute hard copy versions of this weekly product.

The digital version of the weekly Notice to Mariners is available on the Maritime Safety Information website at <http://pollux.nss.nga.mil/> or through the NGA home page (www.nga.mil). All of the information and data contained in the hard copy Notice is also available on this website. Customers can rely on the same quality of data that the Notice to Mariners provides to the civil and military mariner with the advantages afforded by the Internet. Customers can access daily navigational safety updates and not be hampered by weekly mail deliveries of the hard copy Notice.

NOAA CHART NEW EDITIONS AND THEIR AVAILABILITY

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- the Charts-on-Demand chart distributed by OceanGrafix (www.OceanGrafix.com), and
- the traditional NOAA/NOS paper chart distributed by the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA).

The Charts-on-Demand chart is available the day after NOAA clears a New Edition for release. The traditional chart is available two to eight weeks later. Each is official, should be put into service immediately, and meets Federal chart carriage requirements immediately upon its release. For questions, contact NOAA at help@nauticalcharts.gov or call 301-713-1773 x105. Dates of Latest Edition for both charts are listed at <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov>.

This week's new editions released by NOAA are listed below:

12346	11 th Ed. Sep 2004 NEW EDITION NY-NJ-HUDSON RIVER-YONKERS TO PEIRMONT (New edition due to change in format.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:10,000
13205	37 th Ed. Sep 2004 NEW EDITION RI-CT-NY-BLOCK ISLAND SOUND AND APPROACHES (New edition due to numerous Notice to Mariners and new hydrography.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:80,000/LORAN-C
13287	12 th Ed. Sep 2004 NEW EDITION ME-SACO BAY AND VICINITY (New edition due to change in format.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:20,000
13288	41 st Ed. Sep 2004 NEW EDITION ME-MONHEGAN ISLAND TO CAPE ELIZABETH (New edition due to new hydrography.)	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD) 1:80,000/LORAN-C

TWO-WAY ROUTE IN THE GREAT NORTH EAST CHANNEL, TORRES STRAIT

The IMO has announced that a new Two-Way Route will come into effect at 0000 GMT 1 December 2004.

The following geographical positions (WGS 84) define the proposed Two-Way Route:

A: The northern limits are bound by a line joining the following geographical positions:

10° 29'.70 S 142° 22'.63 E
 10° 29'.14 S 142° 25'.76 E
 10° 27'.80 S 142° 28'.45 E
 10° 26'.40 S 142° 31'.30 E
 10° 21'.90 S 142° 41'.50 E
 10° 19'.37 S 142° 47'.97 E

10° 18'.14 S 142° 50'.82 E
10° 13'.38 S 142° 54'.96 E
10° 00'.50 S 143° 03'.42 E
9° 47'.73 S 143° 10'.40 E
9° 25'.80 S 143° 31'.07 E
9° 12'.47 S 143° 51'.34 E

B: The southern limits are bound by a line joining the following geographical positions:

10° 30'.45 S 142° 24'.02 E
10° 28'.38 S 142° 28'.66 E
10° 27'.38 S 142° 31'.85 E
10° 22'.85 S 142° 41'.95 E
10° 19'.80 S 142° 48'.23 E
10° 17'.63 S 142° 53'.29 E
10° 09'.78 S 143° 05'.55 E
9° 53'.97 S 143° 15'.61 E
9° 46'.02 S 143° 18'.48 E
9° 37'.96 S 143° 21'.97 E
9° 27'.60 S 143° 32'.15 E
9° 13'.95 S 143° 52'.62 E

C: The center polygon is defined by the following geographical positions:

10° 16'.10 S 142° 53'.82 E
10° 13'.79 S 142° 55'.85 E
10° 01'.05 S 143° 04'.20 E
9° 48'.10 S 143° 11'.30 E
9° 41'.04 S 143° 18'.87 E
9° 45'.72 S 143° 17'.51 E
9° 53'.84 S 143° 14'.50 E
10° 09'.15 S 143° 04'.70 E